

# CS15210: Modes and Media

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## Previously, in CS15210...

- How to do basic calculations for waves
  - use the indices tricks
- Different SI units:
  - giga (G), mega (M), kilo (k),  
milli (m), micro ( $\mu$ ), nano (n), ...
- Binary signals are a specific digital signal with only two values
  - don't have to be  $\{1, 0\}$

1. Bits, bytes, and ASCII
2. Parity
3. Transmission Modes
4. Wrapping Up

# Bits and Bytes: a Recap!

1 0 1 1 0 0 1 0

- A bit: single binary digit
- A byte: a group of bits (usually 8)
- Bits and bytes can be interpreted in many different ways
- In CS15210 we will usually interpret them as **ASCII** characters

- ASCII: American Standard Code for Information Interchange
  - Defined by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI)
  - <http://www.asciitable.com/>
- A standard coding system that assigns a **7-bit** code to each letter, digit, and punctuation character
  - Separate codes for upper and lower case, e.g.  
A has ASCII code 65 (1000001),  
a has ASCII code 97 (1100001)
- This means we have a spare bit
  - We add a parity bit to check against errors

# Parity

- A method to detect 1 bit errors in data
- Different types:
  - vertical/longitudinal parity
  - odd/even parity
- Procedure:
  - The transmitter and receiver must have agreed on a rule beforehand
  - The parity bit is added to the data at the transmission end
  - The receiver uses the rule to work out whether there's an error

## Whether there is an odd/even number of 1s in a byte

- The parity bit is added to correctly complete the byte and obey the rule being used
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# Vertical parity

Character	ASCII Code	Even Parity	Odd Parity
B	?1000010	01000010	11000010
b	?1100010	11100010	01100010
0	?0110000	?0110000	?0110000
1	?0110001	?0110001	?0110001
?	?0111111	?0111111	?0111111

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0	?0110000	00110000	10110000
1	?0110001	10110001	00110001
?	?0111111	00111111	10111111

# Vertical parity

On it's own, vertical parity can't identify which individual bit of a byte is incorrect

e.g. using even parity, 10111111 is wrong...  
but we don't know which bit is wrong!

11111111, 10011111, 10111101, 00111111, ... ?

Enter longitudinal parity...

# Longitudinal Parity

Parity can also be applied to the same bit in each byte of a block

1	0	<b>1</b>
0	0	<b>0</b>
1	0	<b>1</b>
1	1	<b>0</b>
0	1	<b>1</b>
0	0	<b>0</b>
1	0	<b>1</b>
0	0	<b>0</b>

Here we see 2 bytes of data being transmitted,  
and an extra byte to check across the block

# Longitudinal Parity

This is an example of even longitudinal parity  
(or longitudinal redundancy check)

1	0	<b>1</b>	← 2
0	0	<b>0</b>	← 0
1	0	<b>1</b>	← 2
1	1	<b>0</b>	← 0
0	1	<b>1</b>	← 2
0	0	<b>0</b>	← 0
1	0	<b>1</b>	← 2
0	0	<b>0</b>	← 0
↑	↑	↑	
3	2	4	

# Longitudinal Parity

The combination of longitudinal and vertical parity means that single bit errors can be detected and corrected

1	0	<b>1</b>	← 2
0	0	<b>0</b>	← 0
<b>0</b>	0	<b>1</b>	← <b>1</b>
1	1	<b>0</b>	← 0
0	1	<b>1</b>	← 2
0	0	<b>0</b>	← 0
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# Parity Checking

What if multiple bits are wrong?

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1 0 1 0 1 0 1 1 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 1 1	← 8
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May not always work...

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# Parity

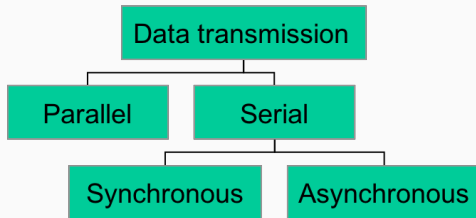
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- May work for multiple bit errors
- Binary errors are easily corrected
  - if it's wrong it must be the other value
- Different types:
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- The transmitter and receiver must have agreed on a rule
- The receiver uses the rule to work out whether there's an error

# Transmission Modes

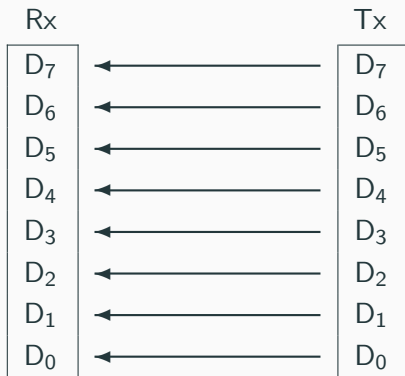
- **simplex** mode means that data can flow in one direction only, e.g. a public address system, tannoy
- **half-duplex** means that data can flow in both directions but not at the same time
- **full-duplex** means that data can flow in both directions at the same time

(Note that there is some confusion over these terms. The above is American usage, which is what we will use.)

# Types of Data Transmission



# Parallel Transmission



A number of bits can be transmitted simultaneously  
by allowing a wire for each bit

# Parallel Transmission

- A number of bits (usually a byte, i.e. 8 bits) are transmitted simultaneously
- This is fast and convenient
- But expensive, because we need eight wires
- Limited to very short distances ( $\approx 10$  m) because of the problem of skewing

# Parallel Transmission



Example: 2 bytes of data are being  
transmitted in parallel

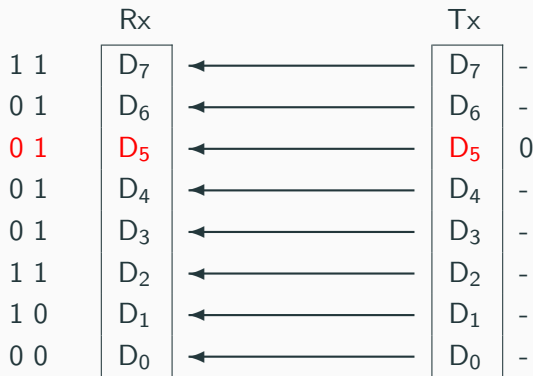
# Parallel Transmission



Some interference on wire 5 means that  
the bit on that channel is delayed

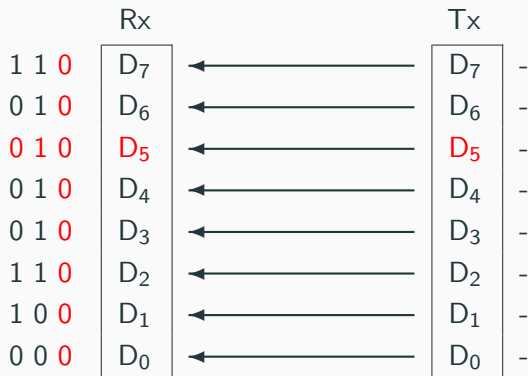


# Parallel Transmission



No data is interpreted as a 0,  
and the late bit becomes mixed with the next byte

# Parallel Transmission



By the time the final bit arrives,  
we have 3 incorrect bytes of data

- Limited to very short distances ( $\approx 10$  m) because of the problem of skewing
  - If we keep the cable short, less chance of problems

# Serial Transmission



Single bits are transmitted one at a time,  
only require a single wire

# Serial Transmission

- Transmit bits one by one, therefore only need one wire
- Serial communications require parallel-to-serial and serial-to-parallel converters
  - Because sender and receiver usually handle data in 8-bit chunks
  - Often dealt with in software
- Two types:
  - Asynchronous - signalled start and stop of bytes
  - Synchronous - time-based

# Asynchronous Transmission

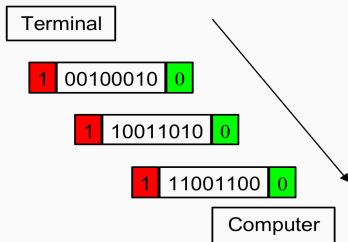
- Timing of the bits isn't important
- Instead we use a *start* and *stop* signals
  - Specific bit patterns that **can't** be used in the data stream
  - Must be designed as part of your protocol
  - Prior agreement between the Tx and Rx
  - Start and stop signals must be different

# Asynchronous Transmission



- Data is sent as follows:
  - Start signal alerts the receiver to the fact that data is coming
  - The byte of data
  - Stop signal (sometimes repeated, or with a gap afterwards) marks the end of the current byte

# Asynchronous Transmission



- Start signals, stop signals, and gaps slow down the communication
- Cheap and effective if speed is not an issue
- Used to be used widely for communication between terminals and computers



# Synchronous Transmission

- Timing of the bits is very important
- Data is transmitted in frames – units of (usually) many bytes
  - Bits within the frame are sent one after another without start/stop signals or gaps
  - It is the receiver's responsibility to separate the bit stream into usable bytes
  - The receiver has to know the speed of data transmission to work out where bytes start and end, i.e. the Tx and Rx have to be time-synchronised

# Synchronous Transmission



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# Synchronous Transmission

- Data is transmitted in frames
- Timing of the bits is **very** important, because it's the receiver's responsibility to separate the bit stream into bytes
- Bits within the frame are sent one after another without start/stop signals or gaps
- Faster than asynchronous
- It is the basis of modern communications devices

# The important things to remember:

- Know what bits and bytes are!
- ASCII is a standard coding system that uses 7-bits to denote a character
- Parity: odd, even, vertical, horizontal
  - Vertical parity uses a single extra bit to help spot errors
  - Horizontal parity allows us to pinpoint the error
- Transmission
  - Modes: simplex, half-duplex, full-duplex
  - Types: parallel, serial synchronous, serial asynchronous

# Next time...

The Media part of Modes and Media  
(probably after a lecture with Dave Price)